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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1744

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: XO CE PFOR UN

SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE: SRI LANKA'S ATTITUDE

1. SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR TO PRC KARANNAGODA TOLD US
SEPT 11 OF AUGUST CONVERSATION WITH SRI LANKA PRIME
MINISTER BANDARANAIKE COVERING IOPZ. KARANNAGODA SAID
PM SHOWED HERSELF TO BE QUITE AWARE THAT IOPZ EFFORT
IS TAKING PLACE IN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX ENVIRONMENT.
PM MADE CLEAR HER REALIZATION THAT SOVIET-INDIAN
RELATIONSHIP RENDERED IOPZ PRESSURE AGAINST US A MIXED
BLESSING. CONCERN ABOUT SOVIETS, KARANNAGODA STRONGLY
IMPLIED, WOULD REDUCE VIGOR WITH WHICH SL WOULD
PURSUE IOPZ CONCEPT, EVEN THOUGH SL OBVIOUSLY WOULD
HAVE TO CONTINUE GOING THROUGH MOTIONS.

2. KARANNAGODA LINKED ABOVE REMARKS WITH REPORT
OF PM'S POSITIVE COMMENT ON SL-US RELATIONS AND ON ROLE
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THEREIN OF AMBASSADOR VAN HOLLEN.

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